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REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application. Claims 1-8, 11-20 and 23-26 have been rejected.

Cancellation of claims 1-2 and 13-14 without prejudice or disclaimer is being requested so only allowed claims 9, 10, 21, 22 and rejected claims 3-8, 11-12, 15-20 and 23-26 are pending.

Rejected claims 3-8, 11-12, and 25 have been rewritten to include limitations of allowed claim 9. Rejected claims 15-20, 23-24, and 26 have been rewritten to include limitations of allowed claim 21.

CONCLUSION

All the rejections of claims having been addressed and the claims as presented herein being believed allowable, Applicant submits that the application is hereby placed in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

While Applicant believes no fees or extension of time are required for this Amendment and Request for Reconsideration. However, should an extension of time be required for the timely submission of this paper, such extension is hereby petitioned and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

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